



## Seaham Harbour Nursery School

### Nursery Newsletter - November 2023

Dear Parents,

We hope you have enjoyed the half term holiday and thank you if you have already shared some stories from home on your child's learning journal. If you haven't please could you add something, it would be lovely to have these memories in your child's special journal.



Thank you also if you have shared photographs and comments of your child brushing their teeth at home. Again, if you haven't please could you add some to your child's learning journal, as we would like to display some photographs alongside the photographs we have of the children brushing their teeth at nursery.

Our learning theme this half term is "Celebrations", covering a range of learning opportunities for all children, photographs of the children will appear on the school website and Class Dojo soon, again if your children take part in any celebrations a home could you add them to their learning journal please.



#### Core Books, Core Rhymes & Songs

Our core books this half term are "Handa's Surprise", "The Snowman", "The Gruffalo" and "The Nativity". The Core Rhymes & Songs (in the booklet we sent out a few weeks ago) are Jack and Jill, 12345, London Bridge and Ring-A-Ring-A-Roses, 5 Little Snowmen Fat, Jingle Bells, Rudolph and We Wish You A Merry Christmas.

Beat Baby likes to go places, make things, go on adventures, have a sleep over and go out and about. Please remember your child can borrow 'Beat Baby' to take home overnight or on a weekend, or to go on holiday. All we ask is you return 'Beat Baby' along with some notes or photographs of what 'Beat Baby' has done with your child, or upload something to your child's learning journal.

#### Thank you.....

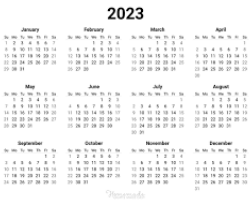
....for the kind donations of plants and bulbs. The children have enjoyed planting and we look forward to seeing lots of spring flowers later in the year

....to all who regularly pay the £2.00 weekly school fund contribution. This money is used to buy daily snacks, treats, birthday presents and resources



for the children to use. Please could we ask for everyone to try and contribute

....also for the very generous sponsor money from our obstacle course challenge. The children loved doing the obstacle course, and playing on it all week, many made their own versions to play on both indoors and outdoors. We will use this money towards the children's Christmas presents, parties, theatre trip and special treats and also to purchase some new wooden building blocks. If you have not done so, please could you hand your money in as soon as possible.



### 30 hour children - reconfirmation of codes

Please can we ask you to reconfirm your eligibility code for 30 hours and email Mrs Marshall with the details of your new re-confirmation date, (your code will remain the same, but the date will change). If you do not do this in the allotted time requested when you receive your reminder email, then your child will not be able to attend full days.



Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November - Pyjama Day for Pudsey/Teddy Bears Picnic - We will be celebrating 'Children in Need' and ask all children to come to nursery in their pyjamas (NO SLIPPERS or ONESIES) and to bring a teddy. If you would like to donate to Children in Need, there will be a Pudsey box at the entrance. We will be having lots of Pudsey activities and a teddy bears picnic.



Week Beginning 13<sup>th</sup> November - Parent Reviews - Mrs Wilson will be conducting parent review meetings by telephone., for those who have returned their appointment slips.



Dress for the Weather - As the weather is changing can we please ask children are dressed appropriately (ie coats, scarves, gloves and hats) as the children access outside in all weathers. Please make sure children's names are in all coats, hats, scarves and gloves.

Inclement Weather - in the event of inclement weather please check the school's website [www.seahamharbour.durham.sch.uk](http://www.seahamharbour.durham.sch.uk), and the school facebook page [Seaham Harbour Nursery School](#) as well as local radio stations for guidance on school closures.



### Website

Please keep checking this out for information, dates of events & photographs [www.seahamharbour.durham.sch.uk](http://www.seahamharbour.durham.sch.uk) .

### Facebook

We have a facebook account, where we post notifications/information and messages. Please can you follow this account and share it with others. Please note, we will not post pictures of the children on this account.





### Starting School

A reminder to say you must apply for a school place for your child to go to school next September. Applications must be made on line by visiting [www.durham.gov.uk/primaryschoolplaces](http://www.durham.gov.uk/primaryschoolplaces) by January 15<sup>th</sup> 2024.

Any applications received after this date, may result in your child not getting a school of your choice.

### Early Drop Off

This is available every morning from 8.00, at a charge of £2.00 per day. Children can come for odd days or on a regular basis, as long as they are booked in and paid for in advance. For further information, please contact Mrs Marshall in the school office.



### Car Park

For Health and Safety reasons please can we remind you to use the side pathway and NOT to walk across the carpark when bringing and collecting children.



Christmas begins - Week beginning 27<sup>th</sup> November when our huge Christmas tree will have 'magically' appeared overnight.

Week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Bags - children will be making lots of Christmas crafts over the next 2 weeks and will be bringing them home in a lovely bag they have decorated.



Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Jumper Day - children can come to nursery wearing a Christmas jumper, t-shirt or anything bright. We will donate a £1.00 for each child to 'Save the Children' from the School Fund. (If anyone wishes to make an additional donation to the charity it can be posted in the collection bucket).



Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December - Theatre Visit - the children will be visiting Blackhall Community Centre to watch a theatre group perform 'Christmas is Cancelled'. A consent form will be issued for you to complete and return to nursery. There will be **NO** charge for this visit. Further details will follow.



### Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Concerts

Due to high numbers of children and limited audience space in nursery we have to split the audiences and limit the number of adults to **2 per child** and ask you to come to the performance as indicated on your ticket allocation. (Tickets will be given to your child beforehand)

All adults of the **15 hour morning** children, **green 30 hour** children and **half of blue 30 hour** children (you will be notified asap) come for 10.15 on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>

All adults of the 15 hour **afternoon** children, **white 30 hour** children and the other **half of blue 30 hour** children, come for 2.00 on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>  
**All children come to nursery on both days to perform in the concerts.**



### Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December - Snowman Day

We are having a special 'Snowman Day' with hot chocolate, marshmallows and pyjamas. Children can come to nursery in pyjamas and dressing gowns (but please NO SLIPPERS and NO ONESIES), they will still need their outdoor coats and shoes. The children will have a fun filled day with lots of 'Snowman' themed activities and will watch some of 'The Snowman' film at snack time.

### Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Parties

The 30 hour children will have their Christmas party 8.45-11.30 and will need to be collected from the main gate 11.15-11.30 for home

All 15 hour children (both morning and afternoon) will have their Christmas party 12.30-3.15 and will need to be collected from the main gate 3.00-3.15 for home.

At both parties we will have lots of food, party games, dancing and presents from a special visitor! Children can wear party clothes.



Christmas Tags - instead of sending Christmas cards this year we are encouraging children to decorate a 'Christmas tag' to hang on our 'Special Message Tree'. (Children will be given tags soon)

Wanted - we are looking for toilet/kitchen rolls, yogurt pots, tinsel and baubles for the children to use in their activities. If anyone has any, please send them into nursery.



### Foodbank Collections

In the past we have collected for the foodbanks at St Hild & St Helen Church and Dawdon Community Centre and have always given a tremendous amount of goods to these worthwhile and needy groups in our area. We are running this collection again, over the next few weeks and would appreciate any donations of dry, perishable goods including toiletries. The donations can be left in the collection boxes outside the main nursery. We thank you in anticipation of your continued support.



Nursery closes Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December and reopens on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Thank you  
Mrs Scott

